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Radio Preservation Task Force

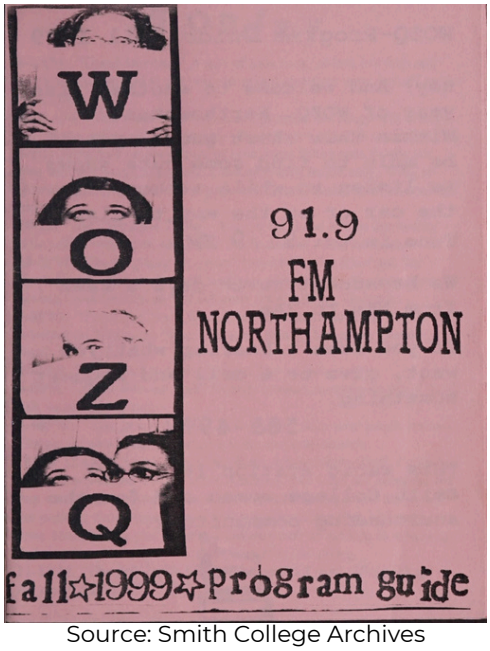
Anyone Can Preserve Radio History!

This libguide How to Preserve Broadcast History by Laura Beth Schnitker can help make a feasible preservation plan for college radio materials.

The libguide features best practices for preserving materials related to broadcast history, provides a list of potential repositories for broadcast collections and items, and offers guidance related to digitization.

are you interested in
RADIO?
Come to WNYU's recruitment meeting
Thursday, January 30th, 8:00pm
721 Broadway, 11th Floor Lounge
WNYU is NYU's on-campus radio station
opportunities available in
FM • AM • News • Sports
Publicity • Promotions • Engineering
Internship • Courses
Listen on 89.1 fm, channel 16 on campus cable, or wnyu.org
www.wnyu.org for more info or for how to get involved
wnyuam@hotmail.com or 998.1677

Source: WNYU Archives



Source: Smith College Archives

New Station Histories Added to CCER Webpage

Check out four newly added station histories from UAlbany, UConn, Rockford College, and Stony Brook:

- WCDB History Website
- WHUS Radio: 100 Years and Counting
- WRCR Alumni/Rockford College Radio History Site
- WUSB: Inventing Ourselves

College Radio Documentary *35,000 Watts: The Story of College Radio*

Released in 2024, the documentary 35000 Watts: The Story of College Radio digs into the culture of college radio (and features Jennifer chatting about college radio history, station couch stories, and more!). Screenings have taken place across the United States and beyond, with additional showings scheduled for 2025. The film is also available to download for personal use. To learn more or to book a screening, see the 35000 Watts website.

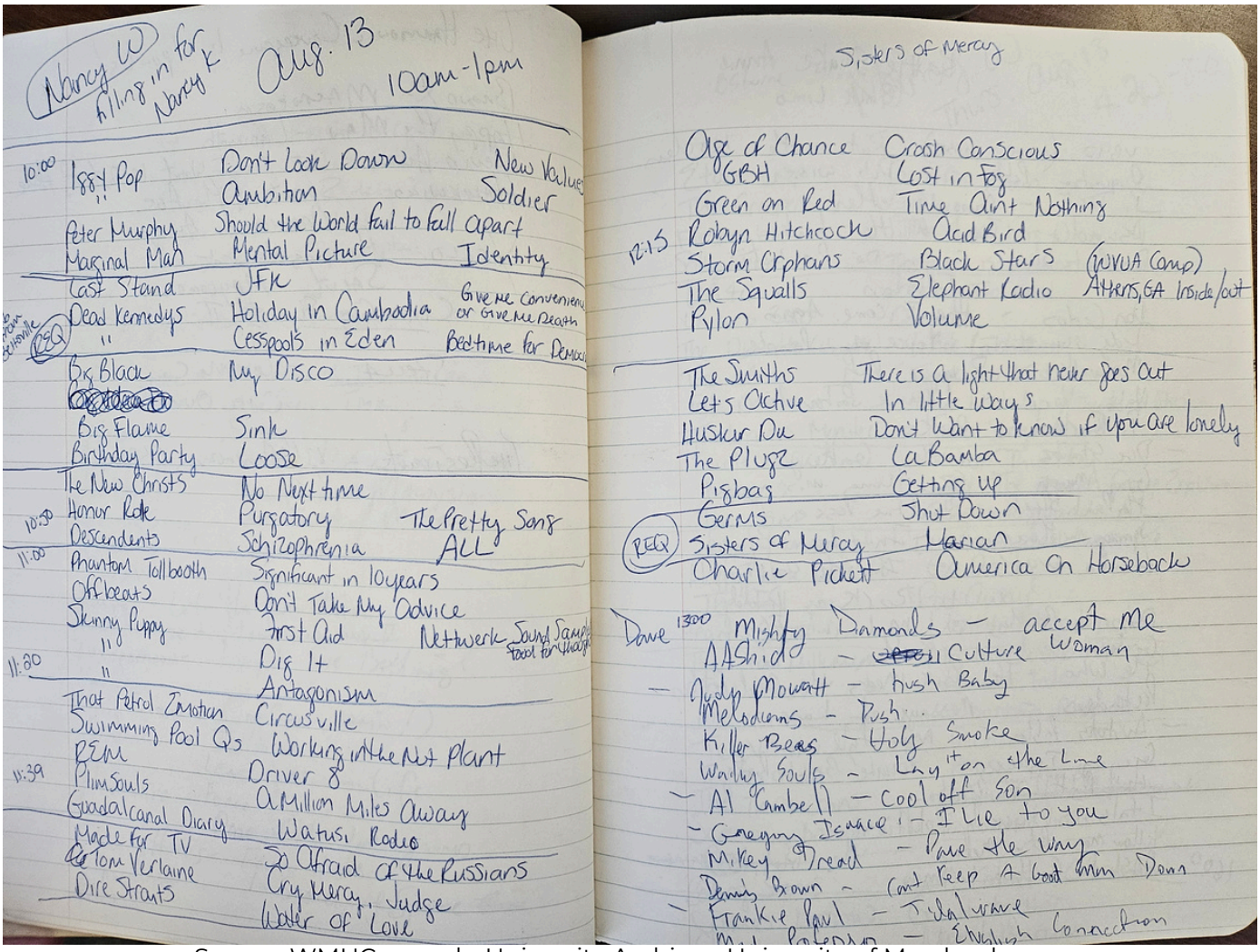
The producers are also now hosting a podcast.

Recent and Upcoming College Radio History Events

March 8: Saving Your Station's History panel at Intercollegiate Broadcasting System conference in NYC.

Jennifer Waits and WNYU Archives Director Sam Colburn will be presenting, Saving Your Station's History, at the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS) conference in New York City, speaking to an audience of student broadcasters. They will discuss college radio's rich history as well as tips for stations undertaking archives and preservation projects. Registration details can be found on the IBS website. The session takes place on Saturday March 8, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30pm at the Sheraton Times Square in New York City.

April 16 and 24: Katherine Jewell will be speaking at two campuses: first she will appear virtually at Shaw University to discuss students seeking a voice on college radio, and then she is appearing at Central Connecticut State University in their Student Media Board Lecture Series to conduct a workshop and lecture on the history of college radio.

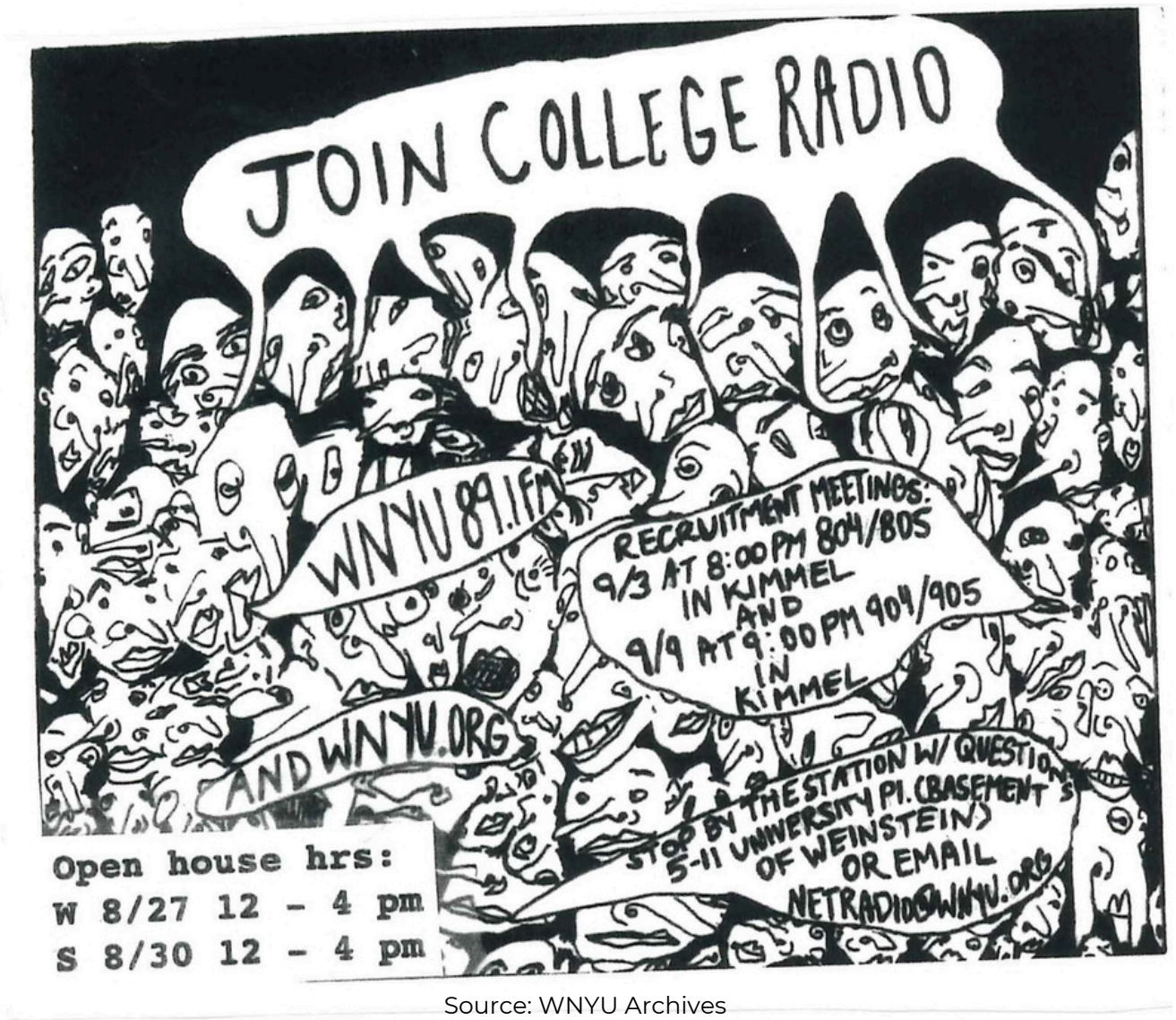


Source: WMUC records, University Archives, University of Maryland

Featured Artifact

In early 2024, student staff at WMUC (University of Maryland) began a systematic cleanout of the staff offices. They uncovered records going back to the mid-1960s, which include correspondence, program guides, log books, handmade flyers, FCC documents, zines, policies, and carrier current documents.

The log books (right), which date back to 1987-88, contain handwritten weekly playlists that offer a snapshot of musical programming from one of college radio's most influential eras. These new accruals to the WMUC Records in University Archives will more than quadruple the station's archival collection.



Source: WNYU Archives

College Radio's Rich Legacy: Latest Updates from DLARC

Feast your eyes and ears on the college radio collection within the Digital Library of Amateur Radio and Communications (DLARC) on the Internet Archive. The growing collection includes materials from numerous college radio stations and archives, including vintage and contemporary newsletters, zines, program guides, flyers, playlists, photographs, audio, film, and video pieces. Highlights of recently added items include 1980s radio interviews (with LL Cool J, Sonic Youth and more), 1960s amateur radio footage, college radio oral histories, and radio station correspondence from the 1940s-1960s.

Read more in Jennifer's December 2024 blog post and also let her know if you'd like to contribute to the collection.